

**Senior Staff Meeting
November 10, 2008
Meeting Notes**

Attending: Theresa Aragon, Don Bantz, John Carmichael, Art Costantino, Steve Hunter, Lee Hoemann, John Hurley, Todd Sprague, Julie Suchanek, Allen Toothaker, Steve Trotter
Absent: Les Purce

Minutes

The notes from the previous meeting were approved with revision.

Announcements

- Allen Toothaker reported HR staff are receiving training on the new on-line leave system.
- Art Costantino reminded the group of the Veterans' Day event.
- Steve Hunter reported that the state's budget driver report is out, showing growth in higher education caseloads for the system as a whole.
- John Carmichael reported that the accreditation report is expected within a day. The college will then have a week to provide any factual corrections.
- Art Costantino reported that Les Purce received the President's award at the regional meeting of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).
- Julie Suchanek said that the Governor is expected to announce an economic stimulus package and possibly other budget actions within the next week.

Office Move Planning

John Hurley described a very tentative schedule for moving offices into the newly renovated space in the Library building. The earliest moves may begin on December 8. Moves might finish as early as mid-January.

Board of Trustees Agenda

John Carmichael distributed the final agenda for the November 12 Board of Trustees meeting. Steve Trotter described the goals for the Legislative and Budget Update for the board.

Decisions:

- Steve Trotter will produce a final draft of budget update material for the Board
- Art Costantino will contact the Geoduck Student Union about the process for including student voices in budget discussions.

WashPIRG

John Carmichael said that the Geoduck Student Union is considering recommending an end to the college's relationship with WashPIRG. WashPIRG has not sent a coordinator to campus or signed a contract this year. The fee collected Fall quarter has not been distributed. It could be applied for Winter quarter if a contract is signed or refunded to students. John Hurley noted that a refund would be labor-intensive for the business office.

Unsoeld Seminar

Don Bantz said several members of the "Thirteen Grandmothers" have accepted the invitation to present this year's Unsoeld Seminar. He asked whether he should move forward with the contract in light of investment loss in the endowment accounts. Lee Hoemann advised moving forward.